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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Via Electronic Filing*

**Re: MB Dkt 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review – Review of the Commission’s  
Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, Free Press submits this notice regarding an *ex parte* communication in the above referenced proceeding.

On December 8, 2011, Corie Wright, Policy Counsel for Free Press, spoke via telephone with Joshua Cinelli, Media Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps.

Ms. Wright highlighted the filing of a Free Press petition consisting of over 30,000 public signatures. The petition opposes relaxing current media ownership limits, and asks the FCC to address disparities in ownership by women and people of color and to strengthen its rules to prevent covert consolidation among local media outlets.<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Wright emphasized that the *Prometheus II* decision makes clear that FCC actions to evaluate and promote diversity in broadcast ownership “should be completed within the course of the Commission’s 2010 Quadrennial Review of its media ownership rule.”<sup>2</sup> Ms. Wright expressed concern that the FCC had not yet produced an updated census of the status of broadcast ownership among women and people of color. Furthermore, the FCC has not conducted any analyses of the market factors that promote entry and sustain diverse ownership of broadcast businesses. Absent these baseline analyses, any proposed relaxation of media ownership rules would be premature, as well contrary to informed policy making and the directive of the court.

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<sup>1</sup> *Free Press Public Petition*, filed MB Dkt. 09-182 (Dec. 8, 2011), also available at <http://www.freepress.net/press-release/2011/12/8/public-fcc-we-dont-want-more-media-consolidation>.

<sup>2</sup> *Prometheus Radio Project v. F.C.C.*, 652 F.3d 431, 472 (3d. Cir. 2011).

In accordance with the Commission's rules this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced docket. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully  
submitted,

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